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## BOARD PUTS GUARDS ON ACTION IN SANTA FE STREET VACATIONS

### SPEED PLANT TRACT

Trustees, However, Pass Resolution of Intention With Reservations

MUST HAVE GUARANTEES Time Limit Put on Development and New Streets Demanded

Double-barreled action on the Santa Fe Railway's request for vacation of streets in the big potential industrial district in Torrance was taken by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting held Monday night, when the city officers passed a resolution of intention to vacate most of the streets, but laid down a long series of guarantees the company must give the city before the proceedings are finally approved.

Acting Mayor Tom Foley said that it was the desire of the board to co-operate in every reasonable manner in the development of the Santa Fe property for industrial purposes. He stressed the importance to the progress of Torrance of the big Santa Fe factory plan, but added that the city could not grant the requested street vacations without complete protection for the people of Torrance in all essential details.

NO FINAL ACT YET He made it clear that the resolution of intention in no manner is final, that the proceedings may be halted by the board at any stage of the proceedings, and that the guarantees and reservations which the city is demanding must be given before the proceedings will be finally approved.

The railway company through its subsidiary, the Chasior-Cannfield Midway Oil Company, requested the vacation of all streets bounded by the Santa Fe property recently purchased from the Dominguez Land Corporation. These vacations were requested in accordance with Santa Fe plans for development of the area for industries. This development contemplates the construction of many spur tracks in the district. Only two of the streets—Cedar and Maple avenues—are in use. The rest merely show on maps, but are not open to traffic.

NOTE 3 EXCEPTIONS The resolution of intention passed by the trustees Monday night proposed to grant the request, with the following exceptions: 1.—That Maple avenue be vacated. This exception was taken in view of the fact that Cedar avenue, already a main highway, bids fair to become the route of the proposed Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway, which will not be crossed by railroad tracks.

2.—Monterey avenue will not be vacated east of Maple avenue. 3.—El Dorado avenue will not be vacated east of Maple.

ASK IS GUARANTEES The board also passed the resolution instructed City Attorney Briney to notify the Santa Fe officials that the proceedings would be consummated only when the company could make binding legal guarantees to the city as follows: 1.—That the company would dedicate to the city along its entire length within 30 days after the final adoption of the vacation proceedings.

2.—That the company would install no rip tracks or classification yards on the proposed streets in the city of Torrance, and that one of these four streets be Fern avenue as it now exists. 3.—That at least two east and west streets be dedicated by the company, to run between Madras and Main avenues and to join up with present existing streets.

### Observations

President Coolidge's Executive Order and State Rights—Abrogation of an American Guarantee; A Bouncer Makes an Absurd Suggestion

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY (Since the following editorial was written the administration at Washington has erased its errors contained in the now famous executive order of President Coolidge. The President has asserted that he signed the order during routine and did not realize its complete significance. Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon has stated that he was solely responsible for the order and that had he been aware of the furor the act would cause he never would have urged it. Now comes the statement that the order will apply only to California. Plainly the administration made a blunder, for which we all may be thankful. For the criticism that was heaped upon the President's head is conclusive proof that the doctrine of state rights is by no means dead. This fact, again established, will serve to guide executives in the future.—Editor.)

NOT long ago President Coolidge in a public address warned the country against the tendency for centralization of government in Washington.

In this he agreed with all who realize that in a country as large as the United States, the more authority rests with state and local authorities the better for all concerned. The best governed nations on earth are among the smallest— notable examples being Switzerland, Holland, and Denmark. In small countries there is little diversification of interests and requirements. In large countries, on the contrary, the vast differences between localities make it well nigh impossible for the national government to pass blanket legislation that is fair to all.

Our forefathers were wise in that they foresaw this wide diversification and gave to each state much local authority. The best administration at Washington would be that which takes pains with purely national problems and leaves as much authority as possible with the states.

A RATIONAL plank in a national platform and one that would attract my vote would set forth the principle that states should run their own local affairs and that the federal government pass as few laws as possible.

Varying climatic conditions, occupations, economic interests, make the various districts of the United States as different as so many nations of Europe. When we speak of the south, the New England states, the Mississippi Valley, the mountain states, the Pacific Coast, and the northwest, we speak not only of geographical areas but of districts that differ greatly in climate, needs and economic conditions.

That Washington can hope to legislate fairly for all these sections is completely absurd, particularly where the police power is concerned.

This absurdity could be laughed off with a shrug were it not for the fact that there is constant pressure being brought upon all our representatives for national legislation of all varieties, as though Uncle Sam carried a police bill, which the American conception of government never intended him to wield.

SOMEBODY in authority has said that the eighteenth amendment wrote the obituary of the old principle of states' rights. I think not. If it were true, then assuredly the eighteenth amendment would be the greatest factor in bringing about the disintegration of the United States. But it is not true. For no sooner was the eighteenth amendment effective (and mind you it was approved by the states themselves) than all but a very few states passed their own enforcement acts under which they are now operating.

This was well, for in a country of this size the principle of states' rights, in everything but secession, must be guarded with all the intelligence at our command. To centralize power in Washington means poor and poorer government of the whole nation. And poor government soon dies either a natural or sudden death.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE undoubtedly realized all this when he uttered his warning against centralization. Yet now he comes with an executive order making all deputy sheriffs part of the federal prohibition enforcement organization. I believe the President in his anxiety to enforce the Volstead law erred in seeking to enlist county officers as federal agents.

NO man, be he sheriff or ditch-digger, butcher or baker, can work for two bosses. Deputies are already enforcing in the enforcement of prohibition, but they are making arrests under state authority rather than under the Volstead act. Already sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States, they are now prohibition officers. To give them another boss in Washington will, in my mind, impede rather than assist prohibition enforcement.

THE theory behind the President's move is obvious. United States officers and judges are appointed and serve until they are removed. Local judges are elected. So are sheriffs. Federal officers are responsible to Washington. Local officers are responsible to their own communities. A boss miles away is less affected by local opinion than is a boss who holds his job by virtue of the form that local opinion takes.

FEDERAL judges, it is argued, can deal more stringently with offenders than can local judges who are elected by the people. But already the federal courts are clogged deplorably, and every case must wait a year or more for trial. Important issues must wait months, sometimes to the great expense of litigants, while a brilliant jurist spends his time day after day doling out justice to worthless bootleggers and other small fry. To increase the work of the federal courts at a time when they already have more than they can handle is to impede justice.

THE President's executive order makes mock of one of the American fundamental principles—the right of each state to maintain and operate its own police without federal interference. The desire of the Executive to enforce the law apparently has blinded him to one of the underlying reasons for the continued progress of the United States—the rights of states. If it were true that deputy sheriffs could not function as prohibition enforcement officers under their own state enforcement acts, then the President's order might have reason as an advocate. But as the matter stands, logic is all on the other side.

THIS matter of states' rights comes again to attention when a bouncer whose name is not worth remembering urges that the federal government pass a divorce law to be operative in all states. This mountebank points to such a law as the only remedy for the divorce evil. That the evil exists is without question. But that the United States government should legislate to prevent it is one of the most silly notions I have heard pronounced since the amusing days of the Oscar II on which Henry Ford called away to "get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas."

## Live in Torrance Drive Wins Aid of Industries

### HONOR BRAVE SOULS

Torrance Stores, Shops to Close Monday for Memorial Day

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY Legion Urges People Attend Observance at 2 o'Clock on May 30th

Memorial Day will be observed in Torrance Sunday and Monday. The Union Tool Company plant and Pacific Electric shops will be closed all day Monday. Retail stores will close their doors Monday in honor of America's departed heroes.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock an interesting and entertaining patriotic program will be given at the High School auditorium under the direction of the Bert S. Crossland

TO CLOSE MONDAY The news and business offices and mechanical department of The Herald will be closed all day Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Managers of the Contest Department will be at the Herald office until 1 p. m. Monday.

Post, American Legion Judge William Hazlett of the County Superior Court will speak. Several musical numbers will be given by the High School Glee Clubs and the Central Church quartet. Friday morning students of the high school will assemble in the auditorium for a patriotic program.

Urges Observance Carleton Bell, commander of the Legion post, urged the people of Torrance to attend the service Sunday afternoon: "Memorial Day," he said, "is the one day of the year set aside for the payment of reverence due to the men who made the supreme sacrifice in American wars. The day is one of the most deeply significant of all American holidays. The members of the Legion earnestly urge the people of Torrance to participate in the observance of this day, made sacred by the life blood of American patriots."

Mayor Proclaims Acting Mayor Tom Foley issued the following proclamation: "Whereas, the United States of America and all the people thereof are constantly indebted for the very existence of this republic to the brave souls who died that this nation might live;

"And whereas, the day of May 30 has been set aside as one on which living patriots should pay reverence to those who died for their country; "Now, therefore, as acting chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, I declare May 30 as a legal holiday and urge all citizens of the city to participate in services for the commemoration of our country's departed heroes."

Special Memorial Day services will be held in most Torrance churches Sunday. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter announces that the Street Sweepers of the Torrance High School will have charge of the evening services at the Christian Church and that Tom Jones will deliver a Memorial Day address.

ATTENTION, DOG OWNERS! Chief of Police Calder today warned all owners of dogs that dog licenses must be procured from the office of the city clerk. The police department is constantly receiving complaints against stray and unlicensed dogs. Licenses issued now will be good until July 1, 1927. The fee for a male dog is \$2 a year, for a female \$4 a year. All licenses now in use expire on July 1.

Cash Prize Letter Contest of C. of C. First Move in Campaign

PLANTS PROMISE HELP People Urged to Write Essays as Aid to Torrance Growth

Why is Torrance a good place in which to live, and what are the reasons that should induce a man who works in a Torrance factory to take up residence here?

The person who writes the best answer to these questions will receive a cash prize of \$10. And the second, third and fourth best letters will win prizes of \$7.50, \$5, and \$2.50. The prizes are offered by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as the initial step in a concerted campaign to increase the population of Torrance by inducing men who work here to live here.

In outlining plans for its campaign the Chamber of Commerce has secured official assurance that local industries will co-operate in every way possible.

Plants to Assist Industrial executives desire that their employees live here and while none will practice coercion, yet every reasonable effort will be made, it is officially announced, to encourage men who work in local plants to become citizens of Torrance.

Heads of Torrance industries are aware that Torrance was founded as an industrial city in which life for industrial workers would be advantageous and worth while. It was to assist in the realization of an ideal that these industries moved their plants to this city. Now that the high land prices attendant upon the service of the department would tend to drive them down, the local industries again can take up the work of co-operation with civic organizations in a justified effort to carry on the plan originated by Jared Sidney Torrance by urging Torrance workmen to become Torrance citizens.

The first move in the campaign is the Chamber of Commerce Prize Letter contest, designed in order that all the reasons for workmen living here shall be assembled.

Want All Reasons In preparing a "sales talk" for workmen who are employed here but live elsewhere the Chamber of Commerce decided that the persons best qualified to speak of Torrance advantages are those who already live here.

Therefore a large response is desired so that the letters received by the chamber will form the basis of sound, logical arguments to be used later. So in addition to grasping an opportunity to win a prize, letter writers will also assist in a vital move in the progress of their home city.

BUY A POPPY "I am the symbol which stands for service; I represent the sacrificial blood of the men who fell on Flanders Fields; I am a memorial to all who died in the war. Wear me in reverence on the day set aside for an appreciative country for the observance of the tribute to those who paid the supreme penalty in its defense!"

Buy a poppy from the American Legion Auxiliary.

### Police To Aid Torrance Boys Who Need Help

Street Sweepers, Officer and Men Meet to Discuss Youths' Morals

Boys of the Torrance High School, members of the newly organized Street Sweepers, are carrying out their determination to improve moral conditions among the youth of Torrance, and to this end they met with Sergeant Edwards of the police department and a number of local men to discuss ways and means.

Sergeant Edwards promised the lads that the department would co-operate in every way possible to assist lads who start on the wrong path. Carl L. Hyde and Charles V. Jones of the Rotary Club will act as advisors to the boys.

The Street Sweepers will give their second "good department" dance at the Women's Clubhouse Friday night, and a large number of tickets have been sold.

FOOD SALE The Lutheran Ladies Aid will hold a Food and Bake Sale this coming Saturday at the Safeway Store on Cabrillo Avenue. This sale will begin at 9 o'clock. Many good things to eat will be displayed.

The Women's Club will hold the last business meeting of the club year Tuesday June 1 at 2 p. m.

### THE RULES

Rules in the Chamber of Commerce "Live in Torrance" essay contest follow:

1.—Every resident of Torrance is eligible to compete, except directors of the Chamber of Commerce and their families. Contestants may submit as many letters as they choose.

2.—Letters must be not more than 400 words in length. They must be legibly written on one side of the paper and signed with the name and address of the writer.

3.—Letters must be at the Chamber of Commerce office in Torrance at or before 5 p. m. Monday, June 28.

4.—The Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to publish all or any part of any letter received. No prizes will be returned.

5.—The prize winners will be announced in The Torrance Herald issue of Thursday, July 1.

12 More Days—These three words have a mighty big meaning when we consider the importance of the result of The Herald and News' big Automobile contest which is now rapidly nearing its conclusion.

The last of the big votes will undoubtedly be the deciding factor in determining the winners of the splendid array of prizes which have dazzled the eyes of the entire community, because of their exceptional value. Who is your favorite?

For several weeks the contestants have been engaged in accumulating votes and during this time The Herald and News' Grand Prize election has gained fame that is widespread. This is the most liberal prize winning event ever inaugurated in this city.

Do It Now The efforts and diligence of the candidates these past few days should be crowned with an avalanche of thousands of votes. This is the time for candidates to hurl themselves into the fray.

The race as the finish of the "second period" approaches is truly a "neck and neck" race. No one should have any material advantage over the remainder of the contestants at present, and the amount of subscriptions that each is able to turn in during this very important period will tell the tale.

On the Home Stretch Runners of which every participant may well be proud, the energetic contestants are rounding the last turn and the eyes of all Torrance and Lomita are intensely watching the finish of this big event.

This week promises to be the biggest of the whole campaign.

### 75 Men Enjoy Hospitality of Women's Club

Mrs. Parks Thanks Men for Club Support; Pomeroy Speaks

Seventy-five men enjoyed the hospitality of the Women's Club of Torrance last Thursday night, when members of the organization were hosts at a dinner at the clubhouse on Engracia avenue.

After an address of welcome by Mrs. F. L. Parks, president of the club, in which she expressed the gratitude of the organization for the support accorded the club by the men of Torrance, Carl L. Hyde responded. He declared that the men considered it a privilege to support such a splendid organization and shared with the club members a definite pride in the clubhouse.

Pomeroy Speaks Mr. Hyde introduced Hugh Pomeroy, secretary of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, who delivered a powerful address on civic affairs. Mr. Pomeroy lauded Torrance for having built such a clubhouse as that in which the meeting was held, and urged the men to unite in all matters for the progress of their community. He stressed the importance of support in any community for its Chamber of Commerce and outlined many of the proposed improvements contemplated for the development of this section of the county.

Mexican Carries Big Knife; Jailed A large knife in a scabbard worn by Felipe Ortega, who was picked up in an intoxicated and belligerent condition by Officers Dalton and Edwards, sent Ortega to the county jail for 150 days. The sentence was imposed by City Recorder Charles Rippey after Ortega pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons.

## BIG BATTLE WAGES IN AUTO CAMPAIGN; \$200 EXTRA PRIZE

Next 12 Days Are Biggest in Race as Extra Cash Award of Gold Is Offered for Seven-Day Period

CONTESTANTS SETTLING DOWN TO HARD WORK

Fight Just Begun, Say News-Herald Workers, and Free Cars and Prize Event Enters Interesting Phase

"We've just begun to fight!" seems to be the unanimous slogan of the big family of hustlers in The Herald and News' \$5000 gift election, who are making things happen in an amazingly rapid manner these days. Many are even surprising themselves at the success they are achieving and are now beginning to make this a battle in reality to get the largest number of votes. With this one purpose uppermost in every mind there seems no escape for the non-subscriber. Realizing that there are but 24 short days left of this wonderful opportunity, in which to get the necessary votes, candidates are making their work through the "never give up" spirit, with which everybody seems possessed is surely to be admired, and is bound to be rewarded. And now that the end of the second period big vote schedule is but a few short days away the more ambitious candidates are preparing to go after the business of securing votes in deal earnest, and frankly that is what they have to do if they have any desire to land any of the larger awards. The most important part of the entire campaign is now at hand, and that is the next 12 days.

It's a fight to a finish now. The laggards will still bluff by the side—the courageous, energetic candidates will reap the big awards. What has been done before by the respective candidates makes little difference. It's the results that are secured between now and 9 o'clock Wednesday, June 9, that will tell the tale.

If the candidates are to accomplish what they originally set out to do, they will have to get busy these last 12 days of the big second "period" vote schedule. And 9 o'clock June 9 ends the final big vote schedule of The Herald and News' election.

Your votes, Mr. Reader, may be the deciding factor in helping some energetic candidate achieve victory and small fortune in this election. Important!

During the second period, payments on subscriptions given during the first period will count BIG. The time to launch your greatest drive is NOW. Votes are reduced sharply after Wednesday, June 9. This is the TIME to win.

THE LIVELIEST part of the competition is now at hand, and while all the leaders are on the same footing, at the same time those who want to—and will—offer the opportunity of the entire campaign to corral the winning votes.

There is a merry war on—a race such as has not been seen since this campaign was inaugurated. Overconfidence may be the factor that will bring some to defeat. More general and concerted action should take place these next few days than at any other time since the campaign began, and with the race narrowing down to a limited few, each of the favorites is more determined than ever to be the biggest of the whole campaign.

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### SPECIAL \$200 GOLD PRIZE

The splendid showing of the candidates who took advantage of the big votes during the first period in the Herald-News competition has prompted the offering of a special prize to hustlers during the second period in the form of a GREAT BIG BAG OF SHIMMERING, GLISTENING GOLD—\$200 WORTH—which will be given FREE to the candidate, regardless of district, who turns in the greatest amount of subscription payments during the second period—May 27th to June 9th, 9:00 P. M.

This special prize of \$200 in Gold will in no way conflict with the awarding of the other valuable prizes June 21st, and the candidate with the ability to carry off this big bag of gold June 10th is practically assured of a most enviable place when the campaign ends and the grand array of automobiles and other prizes are awarded.

Wonderful results can now be achieved by those of the candidates who are in this election seriously and who are in with a determination to win—BIG. Remember this big gold offer is positively the last—a fitting climax to a momentous campaign. Throw your full force into the race now; let this special offer be your means to VICTORY. Ambitious hustlers will recognize this as the "knock of opportunity." They will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to secure every possible vote during this, the most important and crucial period of the entire campaign.

The race is now narrowing down to the real workers—the car winners. It is the "survival of the fittest."

THE WONDERFUL LIBERALITY OF THIS GREAT "BAG OF GOLD" OFFER PLACES EVERY CANDIDATE ON AN EVEN BASIS. DATE THE START OF YOUR SUCCESS FROM TODAY. BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT BIG VOTE OFFER AND THE MANY OTHER VOTE GETTING FEATURES, YOU CAN AMASS MANY THOUSANDS OF VOTES—WINNING VOTES—BY STARTING NOW. START YOUR FIRST CLUB TODAY. MAKE EVERY ONE OF THE REMAINING DAYS A BANNER DAY. THIS IS POSITIVELY THE LAST BIG VOTE AND GOLD OFFER. IN FEW MORE DAYS IT WILL BE TOO LATE. "A WORD TO THE WISE"

See page 7 in this issue for more details and standings of contestants up to date.